

Building road and bridges.

St. Louis County Public Works



Breaking records.

2016 Highlights

- ◇ **\$84.5 million** – total invested in the St. Louis County road and bridges system
- ◇ **204 total projects** – ranging from road resurfacing to improved traffic safety, signals and lighting
- ◇ 26 bridges replaced – 20 built by contractors, 6 built by county staff
- ◇ 12 miles of culverts replaced
- ◇ 4 miles of complete reconstruction
- ◇ 108 miles of pavement preservation projects, such as reclaim overlay, mill overlays and overlay. This included:
 - 27.5 miles of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 23 and 24 from the City of Orr to Crane Lake. (This project earned a paving award from the Minnesota Asphalt Paving Association.)
 - 6 miles of the Arkola Road (CSAH 52) from CSAH 7 to TH 53 in Cotton.
 - 2 miles of the Laurie Road (CR 837) near Floodwood.
 - 12 miles of CSAH 4 north of Island Lake
 - The start of construction on 4th Street (CSAH 9) in the City of Duluth
- ◇ 102 miles of preventative maintenance projects, such as chip sealing and micro surfacing
- ◇ 15 miles of Gravel Road Investment Program (GRIP) projects

2016 was the first full year of revenue from the Transportation Sales Tax, and total funds raised is estimated at \$14 million. The County Board also approved the issuance of two bonds totaling \$65 million to further accelerate investment in the County's road and bridge infrastructure.

Approximately \$5.5 million of Transportation Sales Tax revenue will be used annually to pay back the bonds. Additional sales tax monies will be invested in "pay as you go" projects.

In 2016, the Transportation Sales Tax funded projects, all or in part, worth \$43.5 million, including:

- ◇ 18 bridges replaced
- ◇ 99 miles of pavement preservation projects
- ◇ 8 miles of GRIP projects



On behalf of St. Louis County Public Works employees and our contractors, we thank you for your patience, and particularly for driving safely in and around work zones.

Expect continued investment in 2017 – more than \$60 million – to improve the County's 3,000 miles of roads and 600 bridges.